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## Madoc welcomes Santa back to town



### Santa Sighted in Madoc!

by Mary Lou Dumka

**Madoc-** Santa arrived in Madoc Saturday, December 1, 2003 and the citizens of Madoc lined the parade route to greet the jolly old man. The Christmas Season 2004 has officially begun!

Brenda Rump of The Madoc and District Cham-

ber of Commerce said "It was a bigger parade than last year's Santa Claus Parade with 28 floats taking part in the parade".

#### Prizes for best floats

1<sup>st</sup> prize was award to the Harley Owners Group for

their Snoopy Red Baron Float

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize winner was Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize winning float went to Madoc Public School.

Dale Abrams of Tweed won the Christmas painting raffle prize.



### Break-in at Madoc Home Hardware

By Mary Lou Dumka

**Madoc-** The Madoc Home Hardware was broken into sometime early on Friday morning, before 5:30 am.

Mr. Bacon said that damage to the building was incurred, as well as merchandise taken. At the time of

writing this article, it was not known whether there was a group of thieves or one thief who acted alone, but police suspect that it may be connected to a recent break-in in Tweed. When contacted by phone Jo Ann Bacon said "That her staff were great and that they all volunteered

to come in and help with the clean-up." Staff Sergeant Valiquette of the Centre Hastings Detachment of the OPP said later. "We now believe that there was more than one person involved in the robbery and we are working diligently to solve this crime quickly."



### Christmas Hours at the Madoc Public Library

Come in soon and stock up on some reading material for over the Christmas holidays.

The Library will be closed December 24- December 29, open on December 30 and closed on December 31 and January 1st. It reopens again on Friday, January 2, 2004. Here are some new titles you might want to check out:

1. Brick Lane by Monica Ali
2. What was she thinking? by Zoe Heller
3. Sierra Baron by Tom Blackburn
4. On a night like this by Ellen Sussman
5. A Christmas journey by Anne Perry
6. Call me the breeze by Patrick McCabe
7. The big bad wolf by James Patterson
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9. Dude, where's my country by Michael Moore (nonfiction)
10. Over the edge of the world by Laurence Bergreen (nonfiction)
11. Franklin and Winston by Jon Meacham(nonfiction)

We also have lots of cookbooks and craftbooks to assist you in your holiday planning. See you at the library!!

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## Operation Sagittarius

As of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Central Hastings Detachment of the OPP has completed day one of a three-day blitz designed to target aggressive driving and speeding on Highways 7, 37 and 62.

During the first day of the three day blitz officers laid 51 charges for speeding.

The highest recorded speed was 127km/hour in an 80km/hour zone on Highway 7.

One motorist was charged with failing to pull over and make way for a fully marked ambulance with all of its emergency lights and sirens activated.

## Open House at The Bookworm

The Friends of the Library have found a way to say thank you to the members of the Community, who have been such tremendous supporters in all their activities this last year. They are holding an Open House at The Bookworm, their used book shop on Durham Street South, on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Hot apple cider and Christmas cookies will be served and they really hope that you can join them there.

The Bookworm is a rip-roaring success, in this area, because of people in the

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The Friends hope you can all make it and are looking forward to a crowded store.

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# Festive Ride Program runs from December 5<sup>th</sup> until January 2<sup>nd</sup>

by Mary Lou Dumka

"Central Hastings OPP will be concentrating their efforts to catch motorists who are drinking and driving this holiday season," says Staff Sergeant Valiquette. One unit (four man team) will be dedicated to catching impaired drivers and making the holiday roads a safer place.

He is quick to point out that it is quite simple "If you plan on attending Christmas parties you have three choices, if you're driving don't drink, appoint a designated driver, or take a taxi".

This year the ride program will be giving motorists "Memory Cards" provided by MADD (Mother's Against Drunk Drivers). They will have a picture of a person on the front with information and statistics on the

reverse, to put a human face on to the victims of a preventable tragedy that driving impaired can cause.

Staff Sergeant Valiquette sits on the board of the Quinte Chapter of MADD and he is quick to praise the dedicated work their organization does.

He asks that if you see someone you suspect of drinking and driving to call Operation Lookout at 911 to report it. "The OPP is only one component of a solution. How can we improve our communities if citizen's won't get involved? Lets do it together; people can make a difference."

We are all responsible for our actions. Cab fare this holiday season, is a lot less expensive than lawyers and court costs and you don't



want to be responsible for the missing loved ones around the tree Christmas morning who were the victim of drinking and driving.

Staff Sergeant Valiquette, of the Central Hastings OPP poses with the intoxilyzer, a digital machine that reads blood alcohol levels extremely accurately.

photo/Mary Lou Dumka

## Cooper Wild Kids Meet the Peterborough Icekats

The Cooper Wild Kids travelled to Peterborough on Saturday, November 29 to take on the Peterborough Icekats.

We had a pretty short bench as a number of the girls had previous commitments, so we went with 10 skaters, 2 lines, not quite enough for the Peterborough offensive force. Peterborough scored two unanswered goals in the first period, shutting down the Cooper offense. At the end of the first period it was 2-0 in favour of Peterborough. The Wild Kids fought back in the second period with Katelyn DeClair scoring, assisted by Marlee Fisher & Bailey McCullough. The third period had three unanswered goals by Peterborough, with only one scored by Cooper's, Lacey Burkitt, assisted by Andrea McAlary & Riley Danford. The final score was 5-2 in favour of Peterborough. This was the

first loss for the Wild Kids this season, so they are still in first place in their league. Keep up the good work girls.

The Wild Kids held their annual bottle drive on Saturday, November 15. This year was a little different as we didn't all get together for the event. Money has been coming in and to date we have raised over \$500. Special thanks to all the hunters who donated their empties, and to all the other people who were able to donate one or two cases, they all add up. Again, thanks to all our sponsors Doug Hunter, Bontar Marine, Complete Denture Centre, Madoc Dental Centre, Two Loons, Madoc Legion and the Madoc Oddfellows, as well as all the people who come out and support these

girls, you really do make a difference.

The Wild Kids have their 5 minutes of fame, they will be appearing on TV, Channel 4 Cable in Belleville at 3:30 p.m. on December 7. Some students from Loyalist College came to the Madoc arena on Wednesday, November 26 to film the girls practice and interview them about girls hockey. So if you have any relatives in Belleville let them know. The Wild Kids next home game will be Monday, December 8 at the Madoc arena. They will be taking on the Port Hope Polar Bears at 7:30 p.m. They are travelling this upcoming weekend to Whitby to participate in their annual tournament. Good luck girls.

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# Santa makes a spectacular visit to Madoc!



awson, Brayden and Ashton Kirpartic keep a look out for Santa just before the parade started. photo/Mary Lou Dumka



## Musical interlude

irling Citizens Band entertained the crowd of spectators, gathered for this year's Santa Claus parade, last Saturday night. A large crowd braved the crisp cold air to make sure at Santa's arrival was a warm one. Photo/Mary Lou Dumka

## Added funding to help with Bay clean-up

**Cobourg**—Five further projects have been approved by the federal government to improve the environment of the Bay of Quinte.

Agriculture and Agri-food Minister Lyle Vancilief, Northumberland MP Paul Macklin and MPP Larry McCormick of Hastings-frontenac-Lennox and Addington jointly announced the funding initiatives.

The Bay was identified as Great Lakes' "area of concern" in 1985, primarily in the areas of nutrient enrichment, bacteriological contamination, toxic contaminants and wetland losses. There have been several improvements aimed at cleaning up the Bay since then, including the restoration of fish and wildlife habitats, action to address contamination and monitoring of the

Bay ecosystem.

Now, on behalf of federal Environment Minister David Anderson, MPs for the Bay area have announced the following projects:

A study to determine the limits on the amount of

phosphorous that can be discharged into the Bay without compromising its ecological integrity.

A landowner enhancement project including possible activities such as retirement of fragile agricul-

ture lands, constructing nesting structures and planting native vegetation.

Co-ordination and implementation of a work plan that will lead to the delisting of the Bay of Quinte as an "area of concern."

A fish and wildlife management and monitoring project.

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Sparky the Fire Dog puts in an appearance at the Madoc Santa Claus Parade. photo/Mary Lou Dumka

## CPR Holiday Train makes historic stop in Belleville on cross-country goodwill trip

**Belleville**—As dusk approaches on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2003 the CPR's Holiday Train will make an historic stop in Belleville. The train is decorated with over 8,000 coloured lights and on board are some of Canada's top entertainers, will entertain from the opened doors of a box car collect donations for local food banks and present a cheque for the Quinte-area foodbanks.

This marks the fifth year that the Canadian Pacific Railway has brought this train to communities across Canada and the U.S. Dazzling displays of lights are the backdrop for the live musical shows performed nightly from the boxcar stage.

In the past four years, CPR's Holiday Trains have raised more than \$1.3 million and more than 160 tonnes of for local food banks

Actor and singer Tom Jackson well known for the Huron Carole concerts in support of food banks in Canada will headline the event. The CPR Holiday Train makes an historic stop in Belleville on cross-country goodwill trip. Alongside Jackson will be Beverly

Mahood and Duane Steele.

The Belleville Business Improvement Area (BBIA) will be planning their own entertainment before the train arrives beginning at 4:00 pm.

Donations will benefit the coalition of Quinte Region Food Support Services, which include programs in Madoc, Deseronto, Mar-Mora, Stirling, and Tweed as well as programs in Brighton, Belleville, Picton and Trenton and Salvation Army programs in Belleville Tweed and Trenton.

These programs serve over 160 families and more than 4,400 people each month. These programs monthly service almost 1,900 children.

Bring non-perishable food and monetary donations to the Holiday Train. The site of the event will be the

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### Euro-bound teams face off at Coliseum

**Game is free with lots of draw prizes**

By Bill Freeman

**Asphodel-Norwood** - The Norwood Euro Midgets will square off against another European-bound team during an exhibition game designed to say thanks to the

many supporters who have helped their fundraising efforts. The 17-player Euro Hornets will face the Millbrook Stars Dec. 8 (8 pm) at the Coliseum.

"There has been a lot of

support from a lot of people," says coach Greg Hartwick. "The parents have been great and pretty patient."

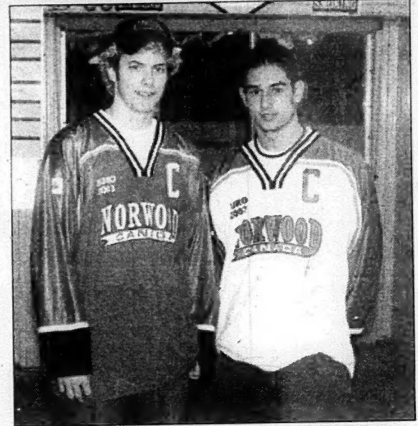
The 42-strong Norwood Euro contingent takes flight Dec. 26 with a non-stop trip

to Frankfurt where they will begin a continental adventure that ends Jan. 6 but not before plenty of sight-seeing in five countries along with five exhibition contests starting with a match against EHC Klostersee Grating in Munich. They are also slated to play a New Year's Eve game in the Dolomite region of Austria against HC Neumarkt. They will play one more match in Austria before travelling back into Germany where they play the Mad Dogs of Mannheim wrapping up their on-ice action against CSG Strasbourg.

"It is going to be a trip of a lifetime," says co-captain Phil Darrington.

There will be no body contact in the games they play so that will be an adjustment, Phil says.

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### Hockey ambassadors

**Euro captains:** Phil Darrington and Kevin Gourley sport the special jerseys the Norwood Euro 2003 Hornets will wear when they take the ice during an exhibition contest Dec. 8 against Millbrook as well as on various continental ice rinks where they will play five games during the holiday season. The free exhibition game also features a number of draws. Everyone attending the game will receive a ticket and could walk away with a hockey keepsake.

Photo/Bill Freeman



**On Gingerbread Float—** Brinany Burke peeks through the gingerbread house theme float sponsored by Whitley Financial Services of Stirling and entered in Saturday's Santa Claus Parade in Campbellford. Hundreds of people lined the streets along the parade route to enjoy one of the best parade presentations ever. Held after dark, the parade offered a panoramic view of brightly coloured lights, music and good cheer to kick off the Christmas season celebrations for 2003. photo/Rolly Ethier.

### Friends, relatives honour couple on 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**Campbellford**—A steady stream of relatives, friends and members of the Pentecostal Church gathered to congratulate Marie and Roy Young on the celebration of 60 years of married life. The women of the church catered a lovely come-and-go tea and luncheon, with the wives of the ministers pouring tea for the ever-changing crowd.

Marie and Roy were married Oct. 23, 1943 and spent a brief honeymoon at Niagara Falls. It was wartime and Roy had his wood trucking business to attend. Later, two children were born. Robert now resides in Vancouver, and had been home to visit in September; while Heather, who works in Toronto as a RPN, was present for the occasion.

During the afternoon, Rev. Campbell spoke of the devotion of Roy and Marie to their church, and their many acts of kindness and caring for many people in the community. He closed with a prayer, asking for continued blessings for the couple.

Then, Marie's brother, John Lisle, regaled the crowd with his memories of the Youngs. He recalled Marie as a farm girl, the eldest in a family of eight, who took her responsibilities seriously, and could be relied upon to take over the milking of the entire herd if her parents were away.

John worked for Roy, as he trucked logs to various locations. It was a hard life but Roy soon began a different career of constructing homes, including his own. His greatest joy comes from hunting, trapping, fishing and growing roses. He also delights in returning home to savour the products of Marie's culinary skills.

Mayor George McCleary also praised the couple, presenting them a plaque of recognition on behalf of the Municipality of Trent Hills.

Marie and Roy responded by expressing their thanks to all those making the reception such a joyful occasion.

A social and friendly time was enjoyed as the many family members and friends greeted the celebrants. Many beautiful floral gifts decorated the room, including a lavish bouquet of roses and lilies sent from their son Robert, grandson Michael, his wife and two great grandchildren.

### Hastings Legion denied request to waive Municipal building fee

**Campbellford**—Reversing a resolution approved at a Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Planning Committee meeting, Municipal Council has rejected a request from the Hastings Legion to waive a building fee for the installation of an elevator at the hall.

Originally, a motion was passed favouring Councillor Tony Edwards' offer to donate 50 per cent of the permit of approximately \$670 fee from his Councillor's stipend if Trent Hills Council covered the remaining 50 per cent.

The vote passed narrowly but two members of Council, Mayor George McCleary and Councillor Joe Watson, were absent.

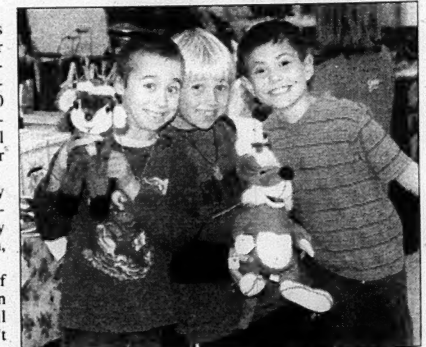
But at the time, Chief Building Official Dean Findlay reminded Council that the Municipality doesn't have a policy in place to waive building fees.

Chief Administrative Officer Mike Rutter told Council that it was not uncommon to have an issue re-examined and over-ruled by Council

after getting approval at a committee meeting.

Although Councillors Jim Orr and Tony Edwards took issue with the new motion denying the Legion request at the later Finance meeting,

Mayor McCleary said two other Legions (Campbellford and Warkworth) both received Trillium grants, like Hastings, for facility enhancements but paid the full cost of building fees.



**St. Paul's crafters:** There was plenty of Christmas bargain hunting going on at St. Paul's Catholic School in Asphodel-Norwood last week during the school's annual and much-enjoyed craft sale. Checking out some of the stuffed animals that were for sale was the grade five trio of Kyle Sole, Dennis Wiczorek and Jordan Dwyer.

Photo/Bill Freeman







## Pleasant Meadow cares

**Giving our troops a boost:** Our Canadian troops away from home in Bosnia and Afghanistan will always be part of our community. With the support and donations from the community, groups and organizations and our family of friends and relatives, Pleasant Meadow Nursing Home extends a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to its drive to collect supplies to send overseas. Residents and staff at Pleasant Meadow remind people to "always remember a short note of encouragement and thanks is a welcoming gesture to someone who is away from home." If you don't know women who is away, you can still send something overseas by contacting Trenton Air force Base, Stn. forces, Belleville, Ont., K8N 5W6. Photo/Bill Freeman



**And the winner is:** Ed Frape, co-chair of the Asphodel-Norwood Community Policing Committee, presents Don Funston of Hastings with the beautiful Jack Wemp print he won during the Committee's draw Nov. 27. The Committee was able to raise \$600 through the fundraiser and thanks all those who supported the draw as well as the Norwood Library and Norwood Home Hardware who kindly allowed the painting to be prominently displayed. Photo/Bill Freeman

## Daniel, Travis fire Sr. Tyke hat tricks

**Asphodel-Norwood** - Behind the strong goaltending of Liam Hunter, the Norwood Senior Tyke Hornets came home with a 5-5 draw in Lakefield. Firing a hat trick was Travis Stark with Daniel Bennett notching two. It was another balanced Hornets attack that had assists from Alex Barrett, Christian McGaffin, Bret Smale, Jackson Sole, Nic Hughes, Jacob Cailles and Braden Thompson. Daniel notched his third goal of the night with 42 seconds in the game to lift the Hornets to another 5-5 tie, this time against the Millbrook Stars. Travis added the other two goals with a pair of assists to Bret and singles to Braden, Christian, Jackson, Carly Elmhurst, Liam, Jacob and Nic.

Strong goaltending by Alex kept Norwood in the game before Daniel's goal.

## Damage to Cruiser

Arrested in Campbellford for being drunk in a public place, a 32-year-old man was placed in the rear of an OPP cruiser on Front Street after his arrest. The man then began kicking the rear door and the force bent the frame. He was subsequently arrested for the mischief and taken to the Campbellford OPP headquarters and held overnight. Brad Ferguson of Inkerman St., Campbellford, will appear in Provincial Court in the near future to answer to the charges.

## Atom Hornets are a busy crew

**Asphodel-Norwood** - The Archer Trucking Atom Hornets have been a busy crew lately.

They started the month with an 8-1 loss to the Bancroft Jets. Brandon Kingston fired in the lone Hornets goal from Mitchell Klompaker. Norwood stuck with the Jets for two periods but tired legs and the larger ice surface was a factor in the outcome.

The next day the Hornets were in full flight knocking off Rice Lake 7-4. Mitchell opened things in the first from Evan Calder then Kingston added another in the second frame from Megan Barr and Blake Redden. In the third, the Hornets dented the twine five times with Joey Giacalone, Dylan Brightman, Casey Fleming, Barr and Klompaker firing goals. Earning assists were Calder, Blake Redden, Barr and Chase Baptie.

The Hornets defensive corp held the blue line strongly and the forwards looked slick in the passing game. Zachary Aker was solid in net.

The team was triumphant in their home opener against the Havelock Hawks and looked strong on offence and defence.

The Lakefield Chiefs nipped Norwood 2-1 Nov. 8. Megan Barr struck for Norwood in the second frame from Fleming. It was an excellent effort by all players who were focussed and driven to do their best.

The Hornets bounced back from a 3-0 loss to the Otonabee Wolves with a solid 4-3 win Nov. 14. With some well-deserved rest the players were hungry for a win. Norwood got on the board in the second with a goal by Brightman with assists to MacDougall and Redden. They added two more in the third - Barr and Brightman, hitting the magic hat trick. Assists went to Giacalone and Barr.

Zachary Aker stood on his head to turn away the Wolves in this game.

Norwood edged the Ennismore Eagles Atom "AE" team 3-2. Scoring in the third to rally were Giacalone and Brightman, who tied things up with 13 seconds to play. Then, with the goalie out Evan Calder scored the winner with three seconds left. Earning assists were Barr, Kingston and Baptie.

Douro knocked off the Hornets 8-1 Nov. 23 with Brightman scoring Norwood's lone goal from Barr.

The team thanks Jamie Wiley, Jacob Stinson and Luke Wynne for helping them out during several matches.

## Auto Centre tykes face Douro Dukes

**Asphodel-Norwood** - The Norwood Auto Centre senior tyke Hornets hosted the Douro Dukes Nov. 28. The team worked hard but were defeated 6-1.

Alexander Buchanan had a strong game in net making some great saves. Jacob Bennett scored the only goal for the Hornets with an assist to Emma Smith. Other players who demonstrated strong skating and team effort include Karen Dart, Mitchell Barr, Micheal Barr, Rodney Fleming, Aiden Hillen and Brent Smith.

## Bradley nets four in midget victory

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# Rebels conclude sweep with victory on the road

By Rolly Ethier

**Campbellford**—Even the first-place Napanee Raiders had no answer for the Rebels' home dominance last Saturday night.

What was even more heartening for the Rebel braintrust is that the Campbellford skaters finally broke through with that long-awaited victory performance on the road. Rebels had only one win in seven away games previously.

Rebels thumped the highly-rated Raiders 5-1 Saturday night and headed for North Frontenac Sunday to dump the hapless Frontenacs 6-2.

Those who were late ar-

rivals from the Santa Claus Parade in Campbellford missed the first period blitz—three Rebel shifts and three goals.

Twenty seconds after the opening whistle Rebel netminder Geoff Niblett made the only save that really mattered when he stoned Raider forward Tom Hanna, who was in alone after a Rebel rearguard fell down.

On the next rush centre Adam Scott found the net with a sharply-angled slapper that Raider goalie Matt Moreau should have stopped. On the next Rebel rush Jamie Bowman cashed a three-footer after Philip Darrington had crashed

Moreau's crease. The flood gates remained open long enough for Jamie McComb to deflect Matt Yates' perfect goalmouth pass as the Rebels took a commanding three-goal advantage.

## Matt Yates Returns

The Rebel faithful are happy to see the return of Matt Yates from the Cobourg Cougars. His return allows teammate Justin McConnell to shift positions to left wing.

Over the next 40 minutes the teams entertained the festive crowd with fast-paced, spirited action. Moreau settled down to duel Niblett 1-1 over the last two periods. Winger Andy Smith found

the twine to offset Ryan Sharpe's tally that spoiled the shutout bid.

On Sunday, the Flyers were no match for the fast-moving Rebels, who for once came off the bus line like they meant it. Centre Philip Darrington ended his 10-game slump by connecting with a pair of low snap shots. Rebel local favourite Justin (Farmer) Loucks also netted a pair. He rocketed two just under the cross bar.

Rebel puckstopper Erik See was steady in recording the victory, which leaves the Rebels just one point behind the front-running Raiders, with one game in hand.

**Ice Chips:** On Saturday

the Rebels hosted their annual **Santa Claus Parade** morning skate. Considering the bad weather, the turnout was excellent. All children who attended the morning skate were issued a free admission pass to the Raider game at night. **Bryce Seaborn** won the Rebels' autographed stick. The Raiders did leave town with something—**Morris Hart** was the winner of the 500 Club draw. With 23 points, the Raiders are still atop the

Empire League. Rebels are now points followers behind the Jets. The Raiders are now only five points behind the Rebels. The Rebels, meanwhile, are a four win, two against Central. The Rebels are now only five points behind the Jets.

## Spilling The Pins on Trent Valley Lanes



### Club 55 Plus Tuesday (As of Nov. 25)

**Team Standings**—Dreamcoats, 26; The Scampers, 21; Sexy Seniors, 20.

**High Averages**—Robert Sutherland, 198; Allan Runciman, 175; Barry Barth, 172; Marlene Harris, 179; Bonnie Kennedy, 179; Darryl Barth, 173.

**High Singles Flat**—Robert Sutherland, 319; Allan Runciman, 274; Vern Madder, 258; Joan Turner, 276; Bonnie Kennedy, 257; Marie Bullen, 256.

**High Singles With Handicap**—Robert Sutherland, 343; Allan Runciman, 318; Vern Madder, 318; Joan Turner, 228; Marie Bullen, 313; Bonnie Kennedy and Eileen Smith, 295.

**High Triples Flat**—Robert Sutherland, 734; Allan Runciman, 697; Gord Mead, 663; Bonnie Kennedy, 699; Marie Bullen, 637; Marlene Harris, 611.

**High Triples With Handicap**—Robert Sutherland, 833; Allan Runciman, 829; Gord Mead, 822; Bonnie Kennedy, 813; Marie Bullen, 808; Eileen Smith, 782.

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### Club 55 Plus Friday (As of Nov. 21)

**Team Standings**—Lucky Strikes, 26; Misfits, 26; Drop-Ins, 17; Wanabees, 15.

**High Averages**—Shirley Mackie, 177; Darryl Barth, 175; Marie Bullen, 163; Robert Sutherland, 193; Wayne Rathwell, 190; Bruce Dunnett, 184.

**High Singles Flat**—Eileen Robertson, 245; Marie Bullen, 244; Shirley Mackie, 244; Robert Sutherland, 295; Wayne Rathwell, 277; Bob Mackie, 260.

**High Singles With Handicap**—Marie Bullen, 298; Darryl Barth, 285; Shirley Mackie, 275; Robert Sutherland, 324; Wayne Rathwell, 307; John McGlade, 304.

### High Triples Flat

Darryl Barth, 619; Shirley Mackie, 599; Marie Bullen, 581; Robert Sutherland, 696; Wayne Rathwell, 677; Bruce Dunnett, 626.

### High Triples With Handicap

Anna Heikamp, 768; Darryl Barth, 745; Marie Bullen, 734; Bud Sargeant, 819; Robert Sutherland, 783; Robert Mackie, 774.

### Club 55 Plus Thursday (As of Nov. 20th)

**Team Standings**—Pinups, 26; Ups and Downs, 21; Screwballs, 21. Strikers, 19.

**High Averages**—John Kopla, 208; Jim Veveau, 173; Carl Dorge, 172; Al Runciman, 168; Don Cassan, 167; Doreen Holmden, 158; Marg Blythe, 156.

**High Singles Flat**—Don Cassan, 255; Charlie Banks, 249; Marg Blythe, 226; Carl Dorge, 220; Irene Torrance, 198; Doreen Holmden, 194.

**High Singles With Handicap**—Don Cassan, 303; Charlie Banks, 299; Irene Torrance, 284; Marg Blythe, 282; Harry Cubitt, 269; Doreen Holmden, 248.

**High Triples Flat**—Charlie Banks, 605; Don Cassan, 546; Ray Scarborough, 545; Doreen Holmden, 516; Marg Blythe, 497; Marilyn Archbell, 438.

**High Triples With Handicap**—Charlie Banks, 755; Ray Scarborough, 695; Don Cassan, 690; Irene Torrance, 679; Doreen Holmden, 678; Ruby Spinks, 673.

## Euro-bound teams will meet Monday

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"It will be faster hockey with more finesse."

He says the team is also looking forward to a ski trip and a chance to observe a European New Year's.

"It's going to be awesome."

### Lots of thank yous

Coach Hartwick says it is also the last time that many of these players will play together; the players already play on a number of different teams -- from Junior C to Midget with various organizations.

Monday's game is a good opportunity for the Euro players and their families to thank those people and organizations who helped them out since their first meeting Mar. 31, 2001.

"It has been a long trip from our first meeting," Mr. Hartwick says. "A long trip but one that will be very worthwhile for everyone travelling with us."

Also on the bench will be assistant coach is Dennis McDonald, trainer Chris Quinlan and manager Wilburn Archer.

Eighteen different individuals and organizations have sponsored Euro jerseys. As well, the team has received individual donations from another 30 people and

organizations. Along the way many more have supported the venture at a number of fundraisers over the past 2 1/2 years.

### Maple Leaf Tickets

The Dec. 8 exhibition game is free of charge and everyone attending will be given a free draw ticket and will be eligible to win some outstanding prizes that include tickets to a Maple Leafs game, use of club seats at a Peterborough Petes game, autographed Joe Sakic and Trevor Linden cards, autographed Felix Potvin and Craig Conroy photographs, a 1986-87 Chicago Blackhawks picture autographed by Roger Neilson and a 1961-62 Montreal Canadiens team picture autographed by Henri Richard.

## Rebels vault into 1st with impressive effort

**Napanee**—Posting their fourth consecutive victory, the Campbellford Rebels made a dynamic statement Tuesday night here by moving past the Napanee Raiders into first place in the Empire League junior C race.

"This is a team just starting to jell," said coach Doug (Mugger) Hart after his charges rolled to a convincing 7-3 victory. It was a result that disappointed the turnout of local fans hoping to see the hometown Raiders rebuff the Campbellford challenge. For the Rebel management, however, they saw the outcome as indication that the Campbellford squad had turned the corner.

It was the Rebels' second victory in a row on the road, leaving them with a record of four wins and five losses in away games this season. But the Rebels have been almost invincible on home ice with eight victories in their nine starts.

Adam Scott was a one-man wrecking crew for the Rebels as he powered through for four goals. Veteran Jamie McComb, always a big threat in the Rebel arsenal, added two more and

rookie Jamie scored.

Raiders opening only to see the Rebels stave off six consecutive 1-1 after one Rebels then to outscore the Raiders in the second scoring the on final period.

Goaltender turned in a stellar performance to add to his record.

The Campbellford return home ice Friday the tailend Napanee Flyers, starting

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From left to right, Sr. Gisele Désrosiers, Sr. Claire Hamelin, Cindy McMurray, Sr. Therese Lamontagne and Tammy Bandy pose with the food and monetary donation photo/Mary Lou Dumka

## Changes and their clients donate to a worthy cause

by Mary Lou Dumka

The Foundation Faith and Friendship Centre was handed a cash donation and nonperishable food items on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Changes Ladies Only.

Cindy McMurray explained "the three month old business was booming and that they wanted to share their good fortune with others. Each time a client brought in a nonperishable food item their name would go into a draw for a free month membership to Changes and a cash donation for each membership

sold in November. The winner of the free month membership is Karen Piszczek.

The Foundation Faith and Friendship Centre is a drop in centre for all the high school kids in Madoc. The facility that is located on Durham Street, close to the high school, and operates between 12:00 and 2:00 pm each school day. Sr. Claire Hamelin explains "it is a place where we serve them free soup and where the kids are received unconditionally, where they can feel at home and relax and enjoy some wholesome food."

The Franciscan Missionaries of Mary oversee the centre that began with the work of Colleen McAllister and Troy Thompson.

The only rules of the centre are to respect yourself and others and no smoking or swearing.

The community has been very generous to us. Last week the Catholic Women's League donated food from their Christmas party which included some Christmas Baking.

"The students are hearty eaters and they love garlic toast, we always need bread "Chuckles Sr. Claire Hamelin

## Fifty-fifth anniversary of Declaration of Human Rights to be observed in Madoc

By Mary Lou Dumka

Madoc - December 10<sup>th</sup> 2003 is the fifty-fifth anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that was signed on December 10<sup>th</sup> 1948. The General Assembly of the United Nations adopted and proclaimed the declaration. All of the delegate countries of the United Nations were called upon to publicize the document in their native countries, teach about it in schools and other institutions.

Sebastian Sallans has decided to recognize the historical importance of December 10<sup>th</sup> by giving a presentation on Human Rights and the work of Amnesty International.

In a statement to the press Mr. Sallans wrote "I invite the community to join

me on December 10<sup>th</sup> in the Cultural Centre of the Madoc Public Library to come and learn about human rights. I have displays and will answer questions. I will also offer people the chance to take part in actions designed by Amnesty International to save the lives of political prisoners and others whose human rights are not respected around the world." The event will be held from the hours of noon until 5:00pm at the Cultural Centre in the library located at 29 Davidson Street.

That an event of international and historic magnitude be observed in Madoc Ontario is unusual, the fact that the organizer Sebastian Sallans is only eleven years old is remarkable.

Mr. Sallan's said when reached by phone "that he

was horrified by what happens to child soldiers", who are being forced to fight and kill in hotspots around the world and he began writing letters of protest a few years ago, inspired by the letters, his mother was writing.

The first letter he wrote was to protest the imprisonment of a Myomin Zaw, a student living in Myanmar (formerly Burma) for his nonviolent demonstration for better education. The most recent letter he wrote was to Ariel Sharon protesting the implementation of plans restricting the movement of Palestinian families. Sallans explains "the sweeping restrictions of movement keep many children from attending school, (a violation of basic human rights - the right to education) and their moth-

ers and fathers from going to work." Last year he wrote seven letters of protest.

During his presentation December 10<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Sallans plans to discuss "Lifesavers", Amnesty International's program designed for children who want to take part in defending human rights around the world.

When not writing letters of protest, eleven year old, Sebastian Sallans plays mi-

nor hockey for the house team, practices martial arts and plays the violin in the Quinte Youth Orchestra Quintet and practices violin and piano and home schooled, at what he figures is a grade 6 level. His favorite subject is history.

On the morning of December 10<sup>th</sup>, Sebastian will be addressing the enrichment class of Madoc Public

School. Later at the Cultural Centre he will invite people to sign petitions and letters calling on the release of "prisoners of consciences" throughout the world. Posters will be displayed and he will explain the need to follow the directions of Amnesty International when writing these letters, to insure that it is conducted in a manner that poses no threat to the prisoners.



Madoc Public School held a Celebrity Look-alike contest to promote school spirit, November 28<sup>th</sup> from left to right; grade 5 teacher Mrs. McNaught as a short-haired Shania Twain, Shania Young as a Dixie Chick, straight from gym class sans costume Monica Bailey as Madonna, Michelle Dransnowski, and Taylor Anger as Avril Lavigne. Photo/Mary Lou Dumka

### Bay of Quinte clean-up

continued from page 3.

Funding for the projects will come from the Great Lakes Sustainability Fund and will be paid to the Lower Trent Region Conservation Authority.

"The Bay of Quinte is tremendously important to this

part of Ontario, but it has been in need of some tender loving care," said Vanclief. "Our government recognized that several years ago and it is continuing its commitment to do its part in restoring the environmental health of the region."

MPP Paul Macklin said that improvements in fish and wildlife habitat are already evident, adding: "My colleagues and I look forward to the day that this hard work will pay off with the delisting of the Bay as an area of environmental concern."

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**Bear sightings at Madoc Township Public School on November 28<sup>th</sup>.** Don't worry though, the only bears that were sighted here were the Teddy Bears that were given to the Class, Teddy Bear's Picnic. Constable Kathy Whyte dropped in to make sure that the only bears there, were the soft cuddly kind and is surrounded by children and parents. *Mary Lou Dumka*



## Madoc and District Chamber of Commerce erect Christmas Tree

Madoc and District Chamber of Commerce volunteers, President Grant Ketcheson and helper Don Smith get ready to decorate the Christmas Tree on Durham Street, with the help of area elves Ross Moorcroft for the tree, Danford's Construction for putting the huge tree into the ground and Hastings Cable Vision for helping with the decorating. *photo/Mary Lou Dumka*

## RCMP Negotiator address domestic violence

Almost one hundred people have signed up to hear Dave Franklin, an RCMP Negotiator, make links to connect the terror women experience in domestic violence relationships with the fear one might feel when held hostage.

Mr. Franklin was a trained hostage negotiator with the RCMP for over thirty years and has traveled extensively in the field of abuse within relationships. He has lectured for many years in effective intervention and prob-

lem solving techniques dealing with issues of violence in relationships, sexual assault, child abuse, community policing and the roles communities and health care workers can play.

The dynamic thrust of Mr. Franklin's soundly based research creates a deeper internal understanding of barriers that might stop a woman from leaving a relationship where there is violence, and the dynamics that hold her hostage.

On Wednesday, Decem-

ber 10<sup>th</sup>, 2003 will be presented to 2:30pm at the Penguin in Bell.

The event is sponsored by Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault Program in partnership with the Quinte County Committee Against Domestic Violence. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Susan Young at 613-392-1111.

A fee of \$5.00 per person is charged, however, a donation will be included.

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# Huff and puff but you won't blow these houses

by Mary Lou Dumka

**Madoc:** The First Annual Province-Wide Open House Tour was held on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> by the newly formed network known as the Ontario Straw Bale Building Coalition (OSBBC). The coalition is a network of builders, homeowners, professionals and concerned citizens working for a sustainable building environment. It was formed; to provide information to people with an interest in straw bale buildings, to initiate and support efforts to further the base of knowledge about straw bale buildings, and to foster a community of builders and owners involved in

straw bale building.

Their goals are; to inspire a movement towards a more environmentally responsible building environment, using the lowest possible embodied energy and toxicity and employ them in buildings designed to maximize the potential for renewable energies and minimizing the use of fossil fuels, by dramatically lowering energy consumption.

The house tour was held to create public awareness for the OSBBC and to promote greener cost effective ways to construct buildings. It was designed to have owners of straw bale buildings open these buildings to the

public, to give people an opportunity to "step inside some straw bale buildings. See what they are like and get some honest feed back from owner's about their buildings", as the coalition web site says "and answer questions about straw bale construction and experience how people live quite comfortably, often using alternative forms of energy than those generated by hydro electric power.

There are three families living in straw bale houses in the area. One is located in Norwood and is owned by Gail and Brian Robins who chose to get their electricity from traditional means, like

most of us, and heat their home with wood. The other two families live in Madoc. All three homes were built by writer turned builder, Chris Magwood of Camel's Back Construction. "I never intended to build houses for a living. I fell into house building as a career after I began researching ways to improve the construction of my own home in a way that would minimize energy consumption by improving its construction in a cost effective way," says Magwood. "Word got out, people became interested in what I was doing and started coming around to ask questions and watch."

Gail and Brian contracted Camel's Back Construction of Madoc to build their home, which is also "The Robins' Nest Retreat Bed and Breakfast in Norwood. Wood burned in the fireplace that dominates the great room, is their principal source of heat. Gail explains that the electrical baseboard heaters were installed in the bathrooms because "Building codes require that a second source of heat be installed." However they have relied on fires to heat their 2800 square foot home. "We really don't need a fire until evening in the winter" says Gail "but our guests like to sit in front of the fire so we tend to burn more wood than we require." Last year, which was a severe winter the Robins burned 10 cords of wood. There is no basement in the house. It is all built on one level to take advantage of the specially constructed concrete floor that the house sits on. This slab is called a "heat sink" and the principal behind it is that once it heats up it holds the heat for a very long time. The only place where heat can escape is through the double paned argon gas low E windows.

According to the Camel's Back web site their company has been building with straw bales for over five years. Their web site goes on to say that they believe that "straw bale building is the most environmentally sound, efficient and attractive way of constructing homes to match the demands and expectation of modern life in northern climates. These ideals of reduced environmental impact, energy efficiency and aesthetic beauty are the central motivation behind the building that we do."

The web site says that, "Straw bale homes offer insulation values of R-40 to R-45, more than double that of standard frame homes... The walls are also less expensive than wood-frame walls. Environmentally, the use of straw bales replaces the majority of the framing lumber, manufactured insulation and plastic barriers with an annually renewable, agricultural waste product. Straw bale homes consistently use less than one half of the heating and cooling energy required by standard frame homes. They use the same foundation, flooring and roofing technologies familiar to builders of frame houses. A straw bale house has a 4 times greater fire rating and 7 times greater hurricane and earthquake rating than traditional construction. The bales are compacted during construction of the walls removing the oxygen from the walls. Consequently house fires burn slower and there is not the presence's of insects or rodents.

If the interior of an average Canadian home is made up of straight lines and corners, then a straw bale

house interior can be made up of wonderful organic curves and arches much like homes of adobe construction popular in the south western United States.

A freestanding airtight wood burning stove heats the straw bale home of Craig Magwood and Marianne Beacon. Their stonemason, John Marrow, who built the hearth that the stove sits on, worked with the shape of the stone to dictate the design of the hearth. The results being a very organic looking appearance. They are off-the-grid and produce their own electricity using solar panels; twelve batteries store the power. They have taken advantage of the size and shape of straw bales by making a window seat in their living room. The home is two stories and is dominated by one room built for doing martial arts that is visible from the upstairs hallway that led to the bedrooms. A wonderful stained glass window of a dragon dominates the room. The design uses three hundred pieces of glass and was created by their friend David Ramsey.

Marianne demonstrated how easy it was to keep track of solar power that is stored and generated and being consumed, by pushing a few buttons on a devise on her kitchen wall that resembles a thermostat. Of solar power she says "that although everyone in the house doesn't need to know how the equipment works, it helps to have someone in the home know what's going on."

Natural products were used as much as possible to avoid "off gassing of chemicals" explains Marianne.

Although the couple moved in a week before the house tour, the home has an uncanny feeling of having been occupied for much longer, which Marianne thinks was achieved by their choice of using natural products.

Chris Magwood and Julie Bowen live in the prototype that was the first of thirty-two homes he has built or had a hand in building. Two cords of wood are used to heat the 1600 square foot house per year. Magwood explains "that since building this house he has learned to use the building materials primarily plastering and finishing in a more artistic way." As well as building homes, Chris Magwood conducts workshops on how to build straw bale houses. "When a straw bale house is constructed volunteers come. It really is a lot like barn building of the pioneers," says Magwood.

The address for the OSBBC web site is [www.strawbalebuilding.ca](http://www.strawbalebuilding.ca)


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# Life Saving Award Presented to Cadet Joey Falls

by:L.J. Jackson

In September of 2002, then 13 year old Cadet Joey Falls, using his knowledge of First Aid, saved a Marmora man's life. Although other adults were on the scene, it was this young Cadet, Joey Falls, who took charge.

"The patient survived and is still living in this municipality today thanks to this young man and the training he received from the Cadet program" stated the local Fire Chief Bronson in a letter supporting the recommendation for the Life Saving Award by Lt. Matacheskie of the Army Cadets.

In Joey's own words...

On September 15 2002 at approximately 2:30 p.m. my friend Douglas King and I were visiting Mr. Eugene Hubley in the Village of Marmora. We were just sitting around the table talking when Eugene said that he had pains in his chest. I asked him if he was ok and he answered, "No. I'm not."

He then fell to the floor. I jumped around the table to check him. He had no pulse.

I told Douglas King to call 911 and he ran out the door to a pay phone.

I checked his pulse again and could find none.

I decided to give him CPR that I had learned at Cadets.

I gave him 15 compression's and 2 breaths.

Eugene slowly began to breathe on his own just as the ambulance arrived.

I felt very happy that I was able to save Eugene.

I told my mother what had happened and what I did. She was very proud of me.

Joey's statement was read during a special presentation to him last Sunday Evening at the 385 RC(Army)CC Annual Christmas Dinner for the Cadets. There was a roar of tremendous applause for this young hero.

"We too are very proud that Joey Falls, a thirteen year old Army Cadet took the initiative to get involved and play an important role in saving this man's life." Lt. R. Matacheskie recommended this Cadet for the much honoured Life Saving Award.

The award read in Parliament reads:

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Life Saving Award Presented to Joey Falls whom on September 15, 2002 in Marmora Ontario used his First Aid training to save a life.....

Thirteen year old Joey Falls was visiting friends when a man indicated that he had chest pains and quickly collapsed.

Joey, having received his First Aid training with the Army Cadets immediately went to assist. He determined the casualty was without pulse, not breathing and unconscious. Joey instructed his friend to call 911 and initiated CPR, administering chest compression and artificial respiration.

When emergency services arrived, the casualty was still unconscious, but was breathing on his own.

Mr. Joey Falls is to be commended for his swift response and knowledge and use of First Aid to save a man's life.

Recorded in the Official Records of the Priory of Canada.

"It wasn't just the training that allowed Joey to save this man's life, but two other very important steps.....Joey's willingness to act and he remained calm." Lieutenant Commander Murray Doggett of the Navy representing the Trenton Branch for the St. John's Ambulance commended the young Army Cadet, "On behalf of the Board of Directors,

please give a tremendous round of applause for Joey Falls."

Tears of pride fill his mother's soul when this deed of her son's is mentioned

and she smiles that she has to discreetly leave the room.

...And although because of the weather conditions Joey was unable to attend the surprise award ceremony,

the applause forced past the w... the snowy night beaming even must have reached at Marmora



Lt. Commander Murray Doggett on behalf of the St. Johns Ambulance presented the "Life Saving Award" to Training Officer Lt. Sharlene Matacheskie who presented the award for Cadet Joey Falls, in his absence.

## Hart Road Delegation Want to Feel Safe

by:L.J. Jackson

A delegation of about fourteen people, heightened by fear for their children and homes, approached Madoc Township Council, last Tuesday at noon.

Hart's Road residents of Madoc Township were prepared with a list of about twenty signatures from the nearby neighbourhood. Their concern, they stated, was of a group home, that had not been informed of; and because of incidences that had recently occurred, they were in fear of the safety of their homes and families.

"We were totally unaware of this group home and should have been informed," said Diana Dafoe a resident of Hart's Road, adding, "I let a young gentleman into my home who was frostbitten and gave him hot chocolate and a warm blanket."

"We had never been informed of a group home on Hart's Road ourselves,"

council responded, adding that according to their recent investigation into the matter, they did not believe it could be, under the law, considered a group home.

Dafoe went on to say that after listening to the nineteen year old, she began to get scared, and called the police to remove him from her home. He showed up again the next morning. Dafoe Hart Road cont'd on page 2



Cadet Joey Falls today - the recipient of the Life Saving Award for his "swift response and knowledge, and use of First Aid to save a man's life" - as recorded in the Official Records of the Priory of Canada.

photo: L.J. Jackson

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## It's a Pioneer Christmas

In the photo: Grade three students from Mrs. Bonter and Mrs. McCombs class take time from class for a photo. These students were part of the skit "A Pioneer Christmas". Bus cancellations on Wednesday put a halt to the dress rehearsal, but always the show must go on and students who made it to school were busily preparing for their big night. Many skits were prepared by the students at Madoc School, such as the Christmas Actions, The Night Before Xmas and Xmas Humbug. This was organized by Parent Volunteer, Kim Plume.

photo: L.J. Jackson

## Wildcats Pounce on the Nets

On December 13, our  
Wildcats travelled to Port  
Perry.

The Wildcats have won

all games except one that they tied and it was with this team. The "Cats" came back and beat them this time with a score of 4-1. Even with one of our players absent and two not feeling well our girls played very well.

Again our goalie, Kimberlyn Tait was focused in on the puck. Again the Wildcats played with skill, cooperation and excellence.

These four goals were scored by Erin Hennessey assisted by both Morgan

Hennessey and Brooke Danford, Erin Hennessey, Ragan Danford, and Ashley Broek assisted by Kelsey Aresnault.

Keep up the awesome work girls!

The girls would like to thank Foley Bus Lines for the totally cool bus that they took to Port Perry. The girls next home game is on December 22 at 6:00 against Kingston.

Come and cheer them on!

## Hart Road Delegation Want to Feel Safe

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called the police and gave two reports on incidences with the nineteen year old.

"I have three children at home under twelve years old and I was mortified by what he was telling me...I'm scared!" Dafoe reiterated.

Other residents of Hart's Road spoke up with similar concerns and fear was a great factor for the delegates adamy to remove the group home from their neighbourhood.

"As far as the definitions in our by-law, the residence is not currently a group home," By-Law Enforcement Officer, Doug

Keller, had acted upon two complaints and has looked into the matter carefully, addressing the concern to a lawyer as well, restating, "This is not considered a group home, but a dwelling."

By-Law Officer Keller further stated that if a group home was requested that under the disability act, they could not be refused a permit. During Keller's investigation into the matter, he found that New Ark Inc. were involved with the nineteen year old that had allegedly caused the disturbances.

It was confirmed that New Ark Inc. had a number of group homes in the area as well as surrounding com-

munities and were funded by the Provincial Government.

Council advised the group, to call the police, "to document and report the problem", if any further disturbances were to take place.

Because New Ark Inc., is funded provincially, council agreed that MPP Leona Dombrowsky would be the person to approach on this matter. Reeve Robert Sager will take the matter to the MPP at the earliest time possible.

"I was very impressed with our council and satisfied that they did a good investigation into the matter," Hart's Road resident Diana Dafoe said later.

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in the paper. I gave her trouble! Do  
you think we should buy her  
another gift this year?

Your friend,  
Tye  
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Madoc Public School

Dear Santa,  
I hope you get a good  
rest for Christmas. Santa  
you are nice. I want puzzles  
and remote control toys  
and other stuff. Because I  
am good for Christmas.

From your friend,  
Nicholas  
Gr. 2  
Madoc Public School

Dear Santa,  
You gave me very good  
toys last year. This year I  
want a dirt bike, some  
story books, a kite and  
some rollerblades. I also  
want that I could get a  
snowboard to play in the  
snow with. This year I have  
been very good. My brother  
wants a 80 four-wheeler.  
My sister wants a big gi-  
fte. My brother is nine and  
my sister is four. We have  
been very good this year and  
I hope you have a good Christ-  
mas.

Your friends,  
Matthew and Jordan,  
Gr. 2  
Madoc Public School

**Snowy  
Christmas**

Shawna and I went  
skating and I fell! It  
was a full moon and it  
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were on the ground, his  
hands were all green like a  
Zombie. His eyes were in-  
side out and that wasn't  
pretty, and his feet were all  
brown. He didn't come  
home until late. I didn't open  
my presents until my Dad  
came home. He got a jack  
knife and he got a table saw  
from me and my Mom. We  
had a lovely Christmas, it  
was fun too.

The End  
By Megan Wi.  
Gr. 2,  
Madoc Public School

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer do-  
ing? How are you and Mrs.  
Claus? I have been thinking  
and thinking of Christmas  
and I know what I would like  
for Christmas this year. I'm  
having a lot of fun in the  
snow, but it is very cold out-  
doors, so I would like.....

Your friend,  
Kelly,  
Gr. 2,  
Madoc Public School

Christmas is here with  
holiday cheer.

Christmas is here, it's that  
time of year,  
for Santa to come,  
and families to have fun.  
By Shania,  
Gr. 2  
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Dear Santa,  
I am sorry I left the fire-  
place on. I hope you didn't  
burn your butt! I am also  
sorry that I left the sour milk  
and stale cookies. I am sorry  
that I fed only Rudolph and  
not the other reindeer. I hope  
you didn't trip over my toys.  
I am so sorry that I made a  
big mess. Even though I did  
all those things wrong, I am  
still glad I got a present from  
you.

Your friends,  
Liam and Sydney,  
Grade 2,  
Madoc Public School

Dear Santa,  
Christmas is the best!  
Winter is cold. While kids are  
in bed, Santa leaves presents  
under the tree.

Your friend,  
Emily  
Grade 2  
Madoc Public School

Dear Santa,  
I'm sorry about the butt  
injury. And I want you to  
know that last year I asked  
for some skates and you gave  
me Kloghoppers. I asked for  
a teddy bear and you gave  
me a rag doll. You were a  
bad Santa last year. But you  
are not the only one, the  
Santa in the mall is pretty  
nasty too.

Your friend,  
Brittany,  
Grade 2,  
Madoc Public School

Dear Santa  
This year I want nothing  
for myself because I'm more  
fortunate than some others.  
It would be nice if we had  
• a fund raiser for the  
homeless

• a better life for orphans,  
so they can share the same  
enjoyment as us on Christ-  
mas.

• good education for all  
children

• basic needs for the less  
fortunate; food, clothing,  
shelter, etc.

• most of all we need  
peace on earth.

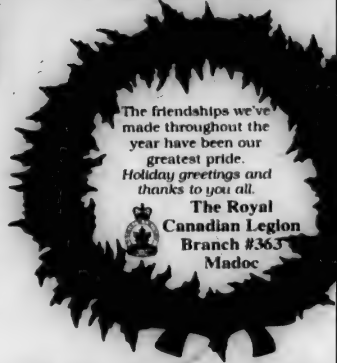
The only thing I want for  
Christmas is happiness.

Your Friend  
Emily Reid  
MTPS Grade five

**The Reindeer's Dog**

Dear Santa,  
Cornet is hurt so Patches  
came and the post man  
came. He was good.  
Patches came up and got  
pulled in. Now you can fly.  
Patches came and ran.

By Casey and Bobby,  
Gr. 2,  
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# In the Spirit of Christmas

## A Santa Story

Once upon a time in a fair away place where the lakes are frozen and the trees white lived Jolly old Santa and his wife. It was Christmas in 9 day. Santa was feeding the reindeer when a blizzard and santa claus that jolly old Santa Claus got buried under the snow. the next day Mrs. Claus found Santa in side. Santa said to Mrs. Claus "I think I have to cancel Christmas". "ho dear said Mrs. Claus. it was 7 days all ready Santa sittel Santa had a cold. "There are 3 days till Christmas" said Mrs. Claus. "I know said Santa". no more days till Christmas you have to get to go Santa said Mrs. Claus. "here, have an Advil it will work I promise" said Mrs. Claus so Santa take an Advil he was fine. But when you here Santa says hohoho because his head hurts. the end

**Shelby Graham**  
Grade 4,  
Madoc Township Public School

I like Santa. He lives at the North Pole.  
**by Tyler Yarrow**  
Grade One  
Madoc Township Public School

I like Santa.

**By Max De Graaff**  
Grade One  
Madoc Township Public School

On the first day of Christmas  
My true love gave to me...



..... A Partridge in a Pear tree

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## The New Reindeer

In the North Pole there was a little reindeer named Rock. Rock was 5 years old. He had never gone to school because he was very nervous. But one day he decided to go to school. The first thing he did was trip over a big piece of ice. Boom! Everyone laughed at him. He was so sad. So sad that he ran away from school. He ran and ran and ran until he came across a queen. The queen's

name was Queen Mean. Queen Mean was a very very very mean queen. When Rock ran into Queen Mean he said "I'm sorry are you okay?" She said "Who are you? And why are you on my property? I can have you arrested." Rock said "My name is Rock. I am on your property because I was running away from my school." "Why are you running away from your school?" inquired Queen Mean. But Rock didn't answer because he was running so fast. Rock

ran into a guart. The guard took him to school. The teacher said, "You don't have to worry. Nobody cares about what you do. It's all about your personality. It's you!" "You mean it doesn't matter about what you do?" Rock said. "NO!" said the teacher "It's all about you" That was the best day Rock had had. By the way, Queen Mean got locked up for being mean on Christmas.

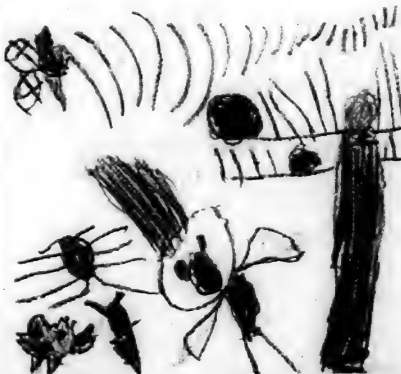
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# In the Spirit of Christmas

## How Santa Got on Weight Watchers

by Martin Chamberlain

You're starting to get a belly on you Santa. You might want to stop eating some of those milk and cookies said Ms. Clause. Hey stop with the fat attacks I have to eat the milk and cookies it's rude if I don't!

Well start working out then and if you don't I'll have to call Weight Watchers because I can't live with a big ball of fat. Noooooooo! Don't call them I'll change I promise well okay but if you don't go to the gym I'm calling them.

So Santa went to the gym but at least that's what everybody thought. Santa had slipped over to the bar and was having a couple cola with out Ms. Clause noticing But when Ms. Clause found out she was furious and called Weight Watchers right away.

So the next day Santa was at Weight Watchers but Santa's no dumb we new how to do bribes really well. So he went up to the Weight Watchers manager and he told him that he would get extra presents if he let him out well the manager was a greedy guy and he agreed.

So the manager let Santa go. When Santa got home he told Ms. Clause that he was done his treatment and that he passed with flying colours but of course she didn't know about what really happened so she just congratulated him and they never spoke of it.

The End.  
Martin Chamberlain  
MSS

## CHRISTMAS POEM

Winter  
is coming  
Snow is falling  
Christmas is coming soon  
Friends and family all so caring  
Santa is snoring, Elves are working  
To make dreams come true  
Lights are turning red and white  
Calling for Christmas to come  
and for kids to have fun  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
to all of you

Shelby Fraser  
and Justice Little  
Grade 4, Earl Prentice

### Christmas is fun

Holly is what you kiss  
under  
Reindeer are in the sky  
Ice is what we skate on  
Songs are what we sing  
on Christmas  
Trees have lights on it  
Merry Christmas to all  
Angels are in the snow  
St. Nick flies in the sky  
all night long in his sled.

Brooke McFaroy  
Earl Prentice

## CHRISTMAS TREE

One Christmas day our tree was the best tree because it had big green branches. It had decorations that were colourful and it had a big angel on the top of the tree. It had little lights and two big lights. It was the most beautiful tree ever.

The end  
Brooke-Ana Hewitt. 4P  
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## Christmas

Caring  
Holly  
Rejoice  
Incredible  
Surprising  
Tree  
Merry Christmas  
Advent  
Sharing

Terri  
MSS  
Grade 5

Christmas  
Him  
reindeer  
Icicle  
snowman  
tis the season  
Mrs. Claus  
always cool  
Santa Claus  
dance  
apple  
ya!

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### Tuneful night

**In the groove:** The Norwood District Intermediate School band and grade 8-9 Concert Band filled the school's lecture hall with some of their favourite tunes during a smooth-sounding festive concert Thursday evening. Under the direction of Mike Davidson and Lisa Quackenbush, the two ensembles had no trouble leaving audience members feeling good about the night.  
Photo/Bill Freeman

## Hot Rebels melt Ice 11-4

**Georgina**—Picking up momentum while looking more and more like a team determined to successfully defend their Empire League junior C championship, the Campbellford Rebels are on a roll.

Hitting the road again last week, the Rebels stormed into Picton and blasted the hometown Pirates 11-4 Thursday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. Then Saturday night, Rebels ventured into the home bailiwick of the defending Central League Georgina Ice and proceeded to hand the hometowners a stunning 6-2 defeat.

Georgina, Central League front-runners, ran into a Rebel squad who for the full 60 minutes played the way coach Doug (Mugger) Hart felt they were capable of all along.

Even an early goal by the Ice's top gunner Trevor Sedore, connecting on goalie Geoff Niblett's five hole,

failed to deter the surging Rebels. First big Jesse Cassidy connected with one of his patented point laser beams on a power play to even the score by the first intermission. Early in period two while shorthanded, Rebels' ace Jamie McComb found the twine with a low rocket after an excellent feed from linemate Mike Banks.

### Displays Restraint

Banks showed true grit after being fouled not to retaliate and he was rewarded with a loose puck. He promptly got the puck over to McComb, who made no mistake from 17-foot range.

Justin McConnell then connected from the right point with a low ice skimmer that eluded goalie Darren McConachy in the heavy traffic after centre Andy Smith won the draw.

McComb added his second goal from the lip of the

crease, giving the Rebels a 4-2 margin entering the third period. Centre Phil Darrington continued his goal-a-game clip with another rocket from 40 feet while leftwinger Danny Petherick ended his scoring drought with a knuckle ball shot from the starboard wing.

### Trio For Darrington

Netminder Geoff Niblett rebounded from last week's debacle against North Frontenac with a 34-save performance, including three breakaway saves.

In the rout of the Pirates, Phil Darrington continued to shine with another excellent hat-trick performance. This Norwood product, a member of the Canadian Euro midgets heading for Europe over the holiday season, has a gift of finding the net, given his opportunities.

Coach Hart was very

pleased with the performance of another line picking up the scoring slack and taking the heart off the Rebels' big line. McComb continued his tear with two more goals while Jesse Cassidy also connected twice. Singles went to Joe Curry, Justin Loucks, Andrew Smith and Ross MacDonald.

As of Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, McComb held the league scoring lead with 37 points, including 22 goals, for a one-point edge over Picton's Adam Walsh. Meanwhile, Geoff Niblett turned in another winning performance in goal.

The Rebels' eight-game winning streak has vaulted them into first place by a four-point margin over the second-place Napanee Raiders. Rebels have 15 victories opposed to six losses and a tie in their first 22 starts of the campaign and own an impressive 6-3 advantages against Central League opponents.

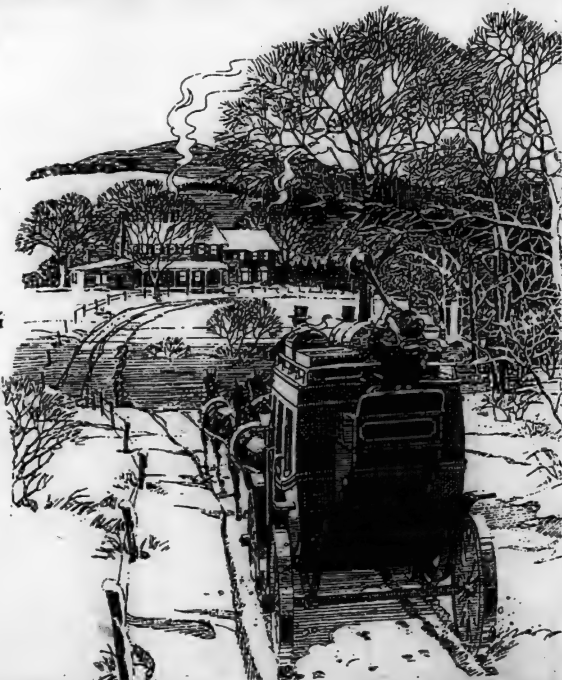
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# Lots of effort leads to Christmas play

## Duo create "post-modern" version of Dickens' tale

By Bill Freeman

Asphodel-Norwood - A cast of nearly 30 will bring life to a post-modern version of Charles Dickens' famous Christmas Carol thanks to the enterprising work of young local writers and co-directors Greg Sadlier and Kyle Bailey.

"It's a vision I've always had to do a modern version of the Christmas Carol," Greg recalled as the cast got ready for a rehearsal run-through of "So This Is Christmas."

The play, he says, takes place in 2052 - a time when Christmas has been made illegal. In the play Elizabeth Scrooge (Lynn Rodgers) is the executive director of her region and is sharply on the lookout for anyone celebrating Christmas.

"It's illegal and become so

forgotten that it is only celebrated underground or in people's homes, Greg says.

One of those people who still celebrates Christmas is Bob Cratchitt (Kristy Hughes).

"It's always a contrast between those two characters," says Greg. "Scrooge is visited by the Trinity and given an opportunity to seek her own salvation: There is a hope that Christmas can be restored."

The play features lots of music -- both sacred and secular -- and also includes a large dance piece that the co-directors worked hard to put together.

"It was very challenging (co-writing) but really I wouldn't have wanted it any other way," Greg says.

He adds that it is easier to direct something he has written himself rather than watch

someone else direct his work. The two started writing the play in September and began auditions the last weekend in October.

"I was surprised by the number of people (who turned out)," he says.

There is a good mix of ages, youth to adult, involved

as well as a choir.

"We're really fortunate to have Lynn. She loves singing and brings leadership to the cast -- especially in a situation like this."

Greg and Kyle expect some people will be surprised by their take on a traditional story but believe they will enjoy the play and be inspired by it.

"I found the writing experience a little difficult --

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The play's the thing: Lynn Rodgers and Kristy Hughes take on the two principal roles in the Norwood Pentecostal Church production of "So This Is Christmas."

Photo/Bill Freeman

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My favourite is Rudolph  
I like the elves.  
I would like:  
My dad to be home for Christmas.  
You can give me any presents.  
I would like some books.  
Here is a song for you  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
And a happy New Year!  
I will leave some maple cookies and some egg nog to drink for you.  
Tell the reindeer I said Hi.  
I love Christmas!  
You can put anything in my stocking  
Merry Christmas Santa.  
How old are you?  
I am nine years old.  
I would like a safe and happy Christmas.  
Have your self a Merry Christmas.  
I know all your reindeer's names.

Love your friend Emily Winowich  
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# In the Spirit of Christmas

## A Wonderful Christmas

"Ho! Ho! Ho! Christopher introduce me!" Santa said. "Hi I'm Christopher and this is Santa Claus". I said introducing us both. "Hi, Boys and Girls, I'm Ernie ... the elf. But I don't like to make toys, I want to be a Dentist." Explained Ernie. "Why don't you like to make toys?" Asked an elf. "Well here's how it began ..." said Ernie.

A long, long time ago, I was making toys with the other elves. I created a car but it all fell apart and the Chief said "What's wrong?" "I just can't make toys!" said Ernie. "Well what can you do?" asked the Chief. "I want to be a dentist!" exclaimed Ernie. "Ha! Ha! Ha! That's funny. Ha! Ha! Ha!" laughed the Chief. All the other elves laughed with the Chief. Luckily Santa Claus didn't hear them, but someone else did: someone so Mysterious that he was called The Toy Stealer. He was a bad, bad man. He liked to steal toys.

Ernie wasn't the only one having problems. Rudolph, the Red nosed Reindeer was having problems trying to fit in. He was trying to hide it; the red nose, I mean. But they kept calling him "Freak with a red nose. Freak with a red nose." Even the coach to prepare the new fleet of reindeer didn't let him play

anything with the reindeer. So Rudolph ran off to find another thing to do.

Ernie the Elf accidentally bumped into Rudolph. "Oh excuse me" said Ernie. "Sure!" you want to be my friend?" exclaimed Ernie. "Sure!" answered Rudolph. So they sang a song they made up called "We're a couple of misfits." While they were singing the elves were making toys. "What a stupid idea being a dentist, I mean why ...?" He didn't get to finish his sentence when he was interrupted by a cackling laugh. "Stop making toys or bad things will happen. He He He" said the Toy Stealer. "No, we can't ... we can't tell Santa." The chief said.

The big doors leading out of the toy making room opened and the Head elf; the one that helps Santa; broke in "Huh Huh Huh Santa ... is coming to check the work and if you're not done he's going to fire all the elves and we'll all be out of work." Said Christopher the Elf. The elves worked day in and day out. It was hard work for only small people. On December 23<sup>rd</sup> they stopped because they were done. They went to sleep. The Toy stealer snuck in and stole all the toys and went back to his hide out which was on a mountain called Mt. Crumpit,

the tallest mountain.

In the morning the elves found out the toys were stolen. When Ernie and Rudolph got back, the chief and Santa were crying on the floor. "I think I know who stole it, the Toy Stealer, and he lives on Mt. Crumpit." Said Rudolph. "I thought the Grinch lived up there" said Christopher. "That's only a myth". Said Santa. "Let's go up there" said Ernie. So they climbed up the zillion feet of the mountain. When they got to the door of the cave, they ambushed him. "So Toy stealer we were on to you ever since the start," said Christopher. "Now, let's see who you really are." Christopher said taking off his mask. "On no, it's Shane.

You tried to steal Christmas just like the Grinch" Christopher exclaimed. "Yeah I would have gotten away with it too if it wasn't for you meddling elves and that dumb reindeer," said Shane. "Well at least you won't get any presents for the rest of your life," said Santa. "Great job Christopher, Rudolph and Ernie. This calls for a celebration." Santa said in amazement.

So they all had a great party, and enjoyed Mrs. Claus' cookies and lived Happily ever after.

The End

Christopher Swart  
Grade 4  
Sacred Heart

## Dear Santa

How are you? How are your Elves and your reindeer? For Christmas I would like a dirt bike, a motorcycle, a remote control helicopter, a gameboy, a yellow car, a Harry Potter game, and a chew toy for my dog.

I will leave you chicken fingers, if you bring me my presents.

Liam McGowan  
Sr. Kindergarten  
Sacred Heart

I would like barbies, dolls, a new shirt, pants, more toys, crafts, paper, blue ribbons, a hat, that is it. How is the North pole? How are your reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? Is the toy factory still in progress. How is your sleigh? I will leave milk and cookies. One last gift I would like a stroller, a new baby doll, dresses for the baby, a doll house, beds for the doll house, a cradle for the baby, a new tablecloth, new mitts, paint brushes. That is all. See you on Christmas.

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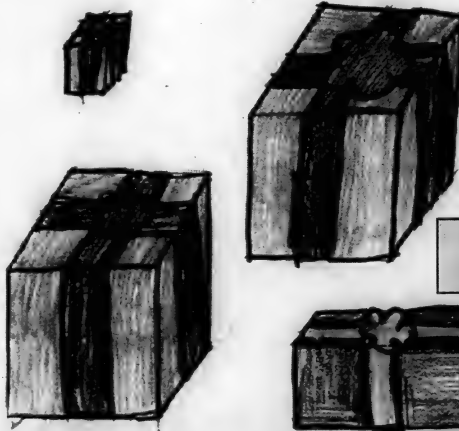
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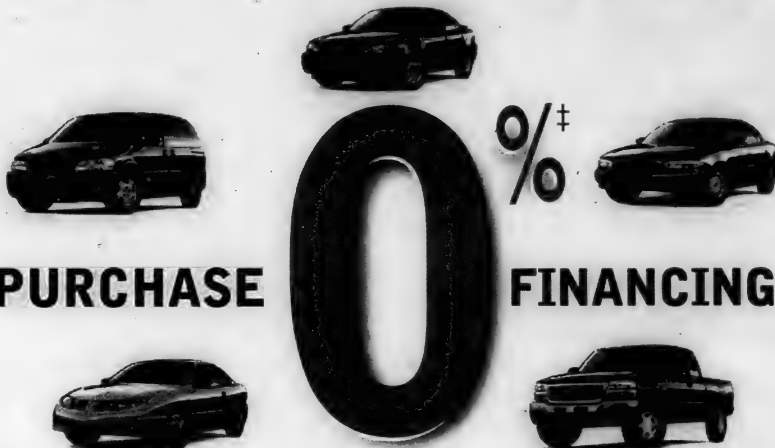






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# In the Spirit of Christmas

## Christmas Poem

By Emma Thompson  
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When everyone forgets  
Their troubles, borken promises  
And even some regrets.

With all the children  
laughing so  
It's sure to bring a smile  
and take you to their  
fantasy  
If only for a while

As soon as there's a hint  
of snow  
Just stirring in the night  
We will know that Christ-  
mas soon will come  
And Santa will take flight

Yes, Christmas is the  
time of year  
When everyone feels  
good.  
Let's carry it through out  
the year  
Don't you wish we could.  
**Christmas**

By Thomas Wellwood  
Hastings PS, Grade 7

The bells are ringing  
The elves are singing  
The reindeers are  
prancing  
Mrs. Claus is dancing  
The reindeers are set  
and Santa has no  
reason to fret.  
Mothers are calling.  
The children are bailing.  
They go to sleep  
without a peep.  
Santa will creep  
while you're counting  
sheep.  
Down the chimney he  
will go  
so you will never know  
That he was there.

## Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

This Letter to the Editor appeared in an issue of the New York Sun in 1897, inspiring one of the great Christmas stories of all time:

**Dear Editor—**  
*I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?*  
Virginia O'Hanlon

The editor, Franklin P. Church, replied with the following editorial:

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, and no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on

the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

Thank God! He lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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Francis P. Church's editorial was reprinted annually until 1949 when the paper went out of business.

Thirty-six years after her letter was printed, Virginia O'Hanlon recalled the events that prompted her letter:

"Quite naturally I believed in Santa Claus, for he had never disappointed me. But when less fortunate little boys and girls said there wasn't any Santa Claus, I was filled with doubts. I asked my father, and he was a little evasive on the subject.

**A Family Custom**  
"It was a habit in our family that whenever any doubts came up as to how to pronounce a word or some

question of historical fact was in doubt, we wrote to the Question and Answer column in *The Sun*. Father would always say, 'If you see it in *The Sun*, it's so,' and that settled the matter.

"Well, I'm just going to write *The Sun* and find out the real truth," I said to father.

"He said, 'Go ahead, Virginia. I'm sure *The Sun* will give you the right answer, as it always does.'"

And so Virginia sat down and wrote her parents' favorite newspaper.

Her letter found its way into the hands of a veteran editor, Francis P. Church. Son of a Baptist minister, Church had covered the Civil War for *The New York Times* and had worked on the *New York Sun* for 20 years, more recently as an anonymous editorial writer. Church, a sardonic man, had for his personal motto, "Endeavour to clear your mind of can't."

When controversial subjects had to be tackled on the editorial page, especially those dealing with theology, the assignments were usually given to Church.



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"I am the light  
of the world.  
He who follows  
me shall not  
walk in darkness,  
but have the  
light of life."

## Natasha Rowe Grade 5 Madoc Township Public School

Santa Claus lives in the North Pole. He is great because his elves and sleigh and reindeer go to our house.  
by Adam Cole  
Grade One  
M.T.P.S.

Santa Claus lives at the North Pole. Santa delivers presents.  
by Ian Stein  
Grade One  
Madoc Township Public School

Santa Claus said to me. I hope you have been good today.

By Jayme Chapman  
Grade One  
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Santa Claus comes to town. Who do you work with? Your elves.

by Jordan McQuigge  
Grade One  
Madoc Township P.S.

Santa Claus is the best. He is good. Santa Claus has a sleigh and the sleigh has reindeer.

by Ben Forestell  
Grade One  
Madoc Township P.S.

Santa Claus, what do you look like? What do your elves look like?

by Cassy Stark  
Grade One  
Madoc Township P.S.

Rudolph the red nosed reindeer had a very shiny and sparkly nose. Santa is a very busy man. Rudolph helps Santa bring presents to good boys and girls.

by Cassidy Oulette  
Grade One  
Madoc Township P.S.

Rudolph the red nose reindeer had a very shiny nose, and if you ever saw it in Canada, you would think it glows.

by Emily Hagerman  
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Santa Claus comes to town on Christmas Eve. Jingle, jingle, jingle.

by Shannon Wilson  
Grade One  
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Santa Claus is famous giving presents. He is giving me presents.

by Kaitlynn Seagle  
Grade One  
Madoc Township P.S.

Rudolph has a sparkly, red nose because he went out in the forest. It was cold. Rudolph can guide Santa's sleigh to my house.

by Karty Reid  
Grade One  
Madoc Township P.S.

Santa Claus. I want you on Christmas day to come to my house.

by Jeremy Gilmour  
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Rudolph Nosed

Santa Claus can you sleigh at the of my sleigh YES! by Dalton Grade One Madoc Public School

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# In the Spirit of Christmas



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I will leave milk and cookies for you and Rudolph.

Love  
Paige  
YMCA Early Years, Hastings

Dear Santa:

My name is Karina and I am four years old. I have been a very good girl this year. I help mommy and my daddy.

I would like My Little Pony, big Lego, a toy truck for big Lego, craft paper and glue, markers - I don't need brown, I already have it.

I will leave some cookies and milk. Merry Christmas. Thank you.

Love  
Karina  
YMCA Early Years Hastings

Dear Santa:

I would like a race car track with one loop. My brother Ryan wants a new transformer.

I will leave you peanut butter cookies on the coffee table.

Love  
Mitchell Bell

By Josh O'Donnell, St. Paul's, Norwood

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would we be able to see, and if we didnt have Rudolph how would we be able to see, and if we didnt have you two and the others we wouldnt be able to pull the sleigh around the world. So

Dasher and Dancer said sorry to Rudolph. Dasher and Dancer said we are a team and we wont let you down Santa. Rudolph felt a lot happier. They had a great time going around the world,

and had a very Merry Christmas.

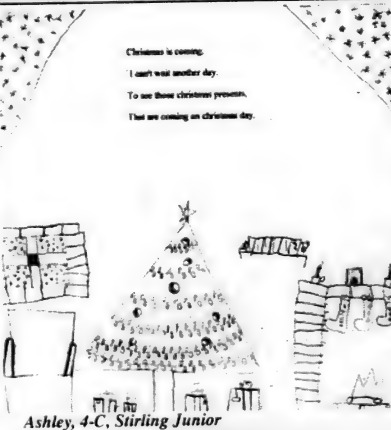
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By Tamara Lake  
Grade One  
Madoc Township Public School



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# In the Spirit of Christmas



## Chapter 1

Once upon a time at the North Pole, lived a jolly old man. The snow over at the North Pole, shines in the sun. The man who was called Santa Clause or maybe even Saint Nick. Well anyway, It was an hour past noon and Santa was on his 50th plate of roast beef and potatoes. "No wonder your fat Santa!" called an elf named Curtis. All the elves giggled. Santa didn't think it was that funny. "Tonight's the night of Christmas," Curtis said. Santa let out a groan. Because, he went to a boy's house last year and had a hard time getting every were. Santa set off in his sled. He went to every house but the terrible no good, but ugly house. When Santa got to the chimney, he fell in! But, he got stuck at the bottom of the chimney, and then crashed through the glass of the fireplace. When Santa stepped on the carpet, the board came up, and hit him in the face! Pluss, he hid in the closet near by, and as he shut the door, his pants got stuck and ripped! He never went to that house again!

THE END

Heather Reid,  
Gr. 4,  
Madoc Township Public School

## Not So Fortunate Christmas!

Some people are less fortunate. Children die every day even on Christmas day. Isn't it sad that these things are very preventable and people are getting fined or having to go to jail because of people trying and wanting to help. It is like some people really want all the people that are living there to die. What some of the things I would

want for other people to get for Christmas in other countries and at home are:

- Homes for the homeless and for orphans
- Basic needs for the less fortunate such as: tooth paste and a tooth brush, blanket, bed, pillow, shoes, and food etc.
- Job opportunities for people without a job.

• Good education for all children etc.

These are only some of the things that people need because there are many more things.

I hope and hope they get them because they are regular people like us, they should be treated the same. Think for a minute, little children

waking up in the morning after they have wished and wished all night to get at least one thing for Christmas and finding nothing not even a doll or truck. Let's all make a difference.

By Natasha Rowe,  
Gr. 5,  
M.T.P.S.

## Snowy Christmas

Once upon a time, there was a small boy named Santa. He had fun making toys for people. As he grew up he discovered Christmas. Because he thought there must be a day called Christmas first. As he grew up he thought more about Christmas. Two years later he was Santa Claus. He had many, many presents to deliver, to good boys and good girls. But he saw on one street a big bully was teasing a little girl named Sydney. She was only five years old. He took her teddy bear, so when

Christmas came Santa did not bring that big bully presents.

Love Megan  
Grade 2  
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## Merry Christmas!

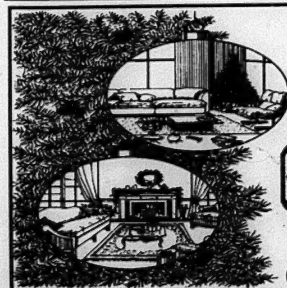
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# In the Spirit of Christmas

## It's Christmas Time

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chers.  
It's Christmas time, when you get presents galore.  
It's Christmas time, don't forget to say happy birthday  
to the lord!  
It's Christmas time, When's Santa going to get here?  
It's Christmas time, time to give and receive.  
It's Christmas time, time to put the star on the tree.  
It's Christmas time, I wonder what I got in my stock-  
ing, hmmm...  
It's Christmas time, oh wait Christmas was yesterday.  
I guess I'll just have to wait until next year!  
Merry Christmas and a happy new year!  
**Becky DeWitt,**  
Grade 5,  
M.T.P.S.

## MY CHRISTMAS STORY

Hi my name is Julia and I  
am an orphan. My parents  
died when I was 3. I have  
no brothers or sisters. It is  
the 13th day of December  
and I am making my Christ-  
mas list. Each year I ask for  
a family, except it never  
comes true. I was lying in  
my bed and I heard carolers  
caroling outside of the or-  
phanage. Then they  
knocked on the door and I  
ran downstairs and the peo-  
ple said that they would love  
to have a girl and Mr.  
Wiggins the orphanage  
teacher said that she would  
request me because I always

do my chores and always go  
to bed when I get tired.  
When the papers were all  
signed I went and lived in  
my dream home and every  
Christmas I would ask for  
other kids to have families  
just like mine. Now I go to  
church and Sunday school  
and now I know who helped  
me find my very own fam-  
ily. About 2 months later my  
new mom and dad had a new  
baby girl so now I have a  
new baby sister and I am  
really happy that I found a  
perfect place.

By Rachel Robinson,  
Grade 5, M.T.P.S.

## Christmas

C is for Claus  
H is for hotfire  
R is for Rudolph  
I is for ice cream  
S is for Santa  
T is for turkey  
M is for mistletoe  
A is for animals in the snow  
S is for a shining star  
**Robert Gear,**  
Gr. 5,  
M.T.P.S.

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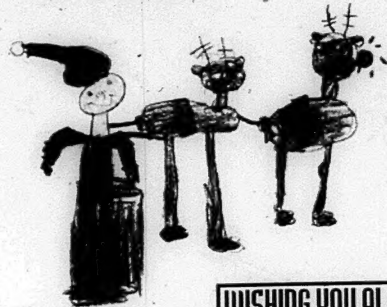
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Santa Claus, I like your reindeer. I like how you say ho  
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Christmas.

By Breanna Wood  
Grade One  
Madoc Township Public School



Rudolph the red  
nosed reindeer has a  
sparkly nose. He is  
Santa's reindeer at the  
North Pole. Rudolph,  
you are the best  
because you have a  
red nose.

by Katelyn Murphy  
Grade One  
Madoc Township  
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# O.P.P report: Centre Hastings Detachment

## Officers Busy with R.I.D.E.

On Dec. 11, Central Hastings officers were again doing R.I.D.E. checks were conducted in numerous locations including Highway 37 in the City of Roslin, Highway 62 at the Foxboro/Stirling Road, Highway 1 line Road in the Municipality of Centre Hastings, and south of Marmora on Stirling Road.

Over 520 drivers were checked for sobriety. One driver was charged with failing to obey police directing traffic in Roslin, when he failed to stop at the R.I.D.E. check. There were three emergency lights activated and all officers were wearing fluorescent traffic vests.

A Tweed man was charged with driving while suspended, two other drivers were charged with Highway Traffic Act offences, and one driver was charged with Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act.

On Dec. 12, members of the Central Hastings R.I.D.E. unit assisted Quinte West Police Service doing R.I.D.E. checks in Quinte West.

Officers checked 840 drivers. Three drivers were charged with driving while suspended, and three other drivers were charged with other Highway Traffic Act offences.

Central Hastings officers were also busy over the weekend, performing R.I.D.E. checks in various locations. Over 530 vehicles were stopped and their drivers checked.

Three drivers received 12 hour suspensions, and three drivers were charged with driving while suspended under the Highway Traffic Act.

## Vehicles Entered

Overnight, on December 11, five unlocked vehicles in the St. Lawrence and Wellington Street areas of the Village of Madoc were entered and stolen.

The stolen property includes a blue ski jacket and a hunting knife. Anyone with information about these thefts is asked to contact Centre Hastings Detachment at 613-965-6626.

## Flood Advisory Cancelled But Caution Urged

Quinte Conservation advised that the recent Flood Advisory has been cancelled.

Residents are reminded however, to continue to exercise caution near local waterways as water levels are well above normal for this time of year.

Higher than normal water levels this fall are the result of abundant precipitation.

The Napanee and Salmon Rivers reached normal spring levels late on December 11. Flows on major tributaries to the Moira River (Black, Skootamatta and Clare Rivers) also approached normal spring levels late last week. Water levels on the Moira River near Foxboro peaked over the past weekend.

Water levels will continue to decrease over the next four days as forecasts call for below freezing temperatures and lower probability of precipitation.

The public is urged to exercise caution around all local waterways. Dams and other water control structures should be avoided at all times. Parents and guardians are urged to keep children away from water.

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Pictured from the left is Tom Moore, owner of Tim Horton's in Tweed, S/Sgt. Peter Valiquette, Sgt. Ken Salisbury, and Kerri Jianopoulos a public health nurse with the Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Health Unit as they celebrate the placement of a Operation Lookout sign at Tim Horton's in Tweed.

## Operation Lookout Expands

Operation Lookout was launched in the Central Hastings area in the spring of 2003, as a result of a joint venture between Central Hastings OPP and the Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Health Unit.

Operation Lookout is a Canada wide, high profile, community based proactive initiative to reduce the number of impaired drivers on our roads. This program combines the support of the community with the capabilities of the police.

The program works by reminding citizens who believe they have seen an impaired driver to stop a crime in progress by calling 911. Drivers do not have to give

their names to police. This is done by reminding people that drinking and driving is a crime, and encourages 911 calls to police by the strategic placement of signs.

Operation Lookout signs were placed on roads and waterways in the Marmora, Madoc and Tweed areas in the spring of 2003 when the program was initially launched in these areas.

Today the program is expanding, with the placement of Operation Lookout signs in area businesses. Statistics from other areas have shown that many 911 calls to police about drunk drivers come from gas stations, convenience stores, restaurants and similar businesses.

We are proud that we are able to expand Operation Lookout and feel confident that it will assist us in keeping the roadways and waterways safe for everyone.

S/Sgt. Peter Valiquette states, "with the combination of operation Lookout, R.I.D.E. programs and general patrols will no doubt deter people from getting behind the wheel after they have been drinking and endangering lives."

Tom Moore, the owner of Tim Horton's in Tweed added that he supports Operation Lookout, and he will be instructing his employees to call 911 if they see a drunk driver.

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# An Inspirational Christmas Message

by: Rev. Jean Brown,  
United Church of Canada

Jean will be starting in part time team ministry at Trinity United Church in Madoc, January 1, 2004.

Through the graciousness of this paper, I bring warm Christmas greetings and an invitation to attend the many area Christmas events that will bring one closer to God and to the spiritual meaning of Christmas. It's wonderful to have the religious freedom to share and to have such a fantastic newspaper in which to do so.

Over 100 years ago, a New York newspaperman,

Mr. Francis Church, editor of the New York Sun received a letter from a little girl named Virginia, who was seeking the real meaning of Christmas. Mr. Church wrote these wise words: "You may tear apart a baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil that covers the unseen world which not the strongest person, not the united strength of all the strongest people who have ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, poetry and love can push aside the curtain and allow us to view the supernal beauty and glory that lies beyond the everyday. Is that beauty and glory that lies beyond the everyday, is that beauty and glory

real? Ah, Virginia, there is in all the world nothing more real or abiding."

Francis Church captured the essence of the mystery of faith and shed light on the concept of how the "word became flesh and dwelt among us" in the form of Jesus Christ. He addressed concerns of the poetic, literal, factualist, believer, non-believer, questioner, and reminded us all of the peril of trying too hard to explain the Christmas experience. God choose to become human in the form of the long awaited Messiah whose birth we celebrate at Christmas. Jesus is among us as a Holy Spirit and presence and He becomes born anew in our hearts, ac-

tions, ideas, when we chose to respond. The word becomes flesh today when followers of Jesus act in His name to replenish food banks, participate in Operation Christmas Child, struggle for justice, offer words of encouragement, and gather to worship.

It's so important to be part of a church fellowship group and to gather with like minded Christians to pray, sing, learn, share ideas and to let the word of God influence our lives in surprising ways. Christianity is meant to be lived out in church communities of faith, and I urge all readers to find a church home and to resolve to attend regularly. What a

better way to start out the new year? Christmas is a very popular event, as folks remember the birth of Christ. However, that child grows up, faces difficulties, crucifixion, and the old rough boards of the baby's manger in the cattle stall are all too quickly transformed into the old rough boards of the cross of crucifixion. If we only remember Christ at this birth, at Christmas, then our faith will be very child like and unable to withstand the storms, trials, disappointments of life.

Let your faith grow up, as did that baby Jesus grow up. Let God lead you through the disappointments, divorces, difficulties of life-grow up with God. Let go and let God.

This story from the Internet provides an example. Several years ago there was a fire in Yellowstone Park. After the fire was out, but still smoldering, the forest rangers walked through the

forest. They found at the foot of a tree the dead body of a bird. It had been burned completely. A ranger went over and nudged the bird with his foot, and as he did, he heard a chirping. He pushed the body of the bird aside and saw three little baby birds at the foot of the tree. That mother bird could have flown away and saved herself, but she stayed and covered her babies with her wings. To put a theological face on this story, she gave her life that they might live. This is the kind of commitment that God has to all people. There is nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God, known in Christ Jesus our Lord. God will be with us in the frustrations, sorrows, tragedies. The faithfulness of God is eternal, unending and most refreshing to rely on - at Christmas and at all times. So, let's all cling to the real and abiding presence of God and may God inspire us all.

## Madoc Township Council News

Chief Building Official Keller attended Council to discuss a number of issues - one of them being the surcharge for commencing construction prior to obtaining a building permit. Mr. Keller explained the requirements of the building code and municipal by-laws in this regard.

Road Superintendent Tom Bruce attended regarding the operation of the roads department. Since winter has not hit full force yet, the roads have not required significant additional maintenance yet.

He also discussed the installation of a temporary fuel tank at the rear of the building for supply to the heating system within the municipal

building complex. Investigation has indicated that installation of an above-ground tank on a permanent basis may be significantly less expensive than the replacement of the present inground tank.

It was agreed that the Township proceed with the installation of an above ground fuel storage tank on a permanent basis to operate the municipal complex heating system.

It was carried that the Township of Madoc fund the Centre Hastings Public Library at the rate of \$800.00 per month for operating until the budget for the next operating year is established.

## Third Annual Christmas Day Community Dinner

No need to be Alone on Christmas Day

Madoc: The third Annual Christmas Day Dinner will be held at St. Peter's Presbyterian Church Hall in Madoc from 2p.m. - 4 p.m. on December 25.

If you are going to be alone on Christmas Day; if you don't want to cook; need a meal or simply want to share part of your Christmas

with others, then come to the Christmas Day Community Dinner.

Reservations are not necessary, but would be appreciated.

For further information, please call Carman Donato 613 473-4149.

Donations are appreciated.

## Flood warning cancelled

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